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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
 - international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
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 - the international application as originally filed/furnished
 - the description:
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-10	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The following documents have been considered for the purpose of this report; the numbering will be adhered to in the rest of the procedure:

- D1: JP P2002-155081 A (28.05.2002)
- D2: J. Heterocyclic Chem. Vol.25, pp.479-486(1988)
- D3: J. Heterocyclic Chem. Vol.24, pp.215-217(1987)
- D4: J. Med. Chem. Vol.27, pp.1543-1548(1984)
- D5: J. Med. Chem. Vol.27, pp.292-301(1984)

1. Novelty

Claims 1-10 of the present invention are novel over D1-D5, since none of these prior arts discloses a compound represented by formula II as an intermediate for preparing 1,8-naphthyridine-3-carboxylic acid derivatives [Article 33(2) PCT].

2. Inventive Step

The present invention relates to a method for preparing 1,8-naphthyridine-3-carboxylic acid derivatives, characterized by one-pot operation using a single solvent system without isolation of any intermediates during the whole process. Similar one-pot process was disclosed in D1. Therefore, D1 seems to be the closest prior art to the present invention.

D1 discloses a procedure for preparing 1,8-naphthyridine-3-carboxylic acid derivatives comprising the following steps of 1) conversion of the starting compound of formula I to carbonyl-alkoxy acrylic acid ester, 2) reaction with amine to produce enamine, and 3) cyclization to prepare the final product of naphthyridine ester. The latter two steps are common in D1 and the present invention. However, the intermediate compounds produced in the first step are different from each other when comparing the compound of formula II in the present invention with that of D1. In the process of the claims 1 - 10, dimethylformamide dialkylacetal instead of trialkyl orthoformate is used as a reactant for producing the intermediate of formula II, which does not need to be removed during the process.

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Supplemental Box

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Box V.

There is no implication or suggestion in D1 to lead those who skilled in the art to expect that the reactant dimethylformamide dialkylacetal and the intermediate of formula II could be chosen to prepare 1,8-naphthyridine-3-carboxylic acid derivative.

Therefore, the inventive step of claims 1-10 can be acknowledged [Article 33(3) PCT].

3. Industrial Applicability

The subject-matter of claims 1-10 appears to be industrially applicable [Article 33(4) PCT].

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